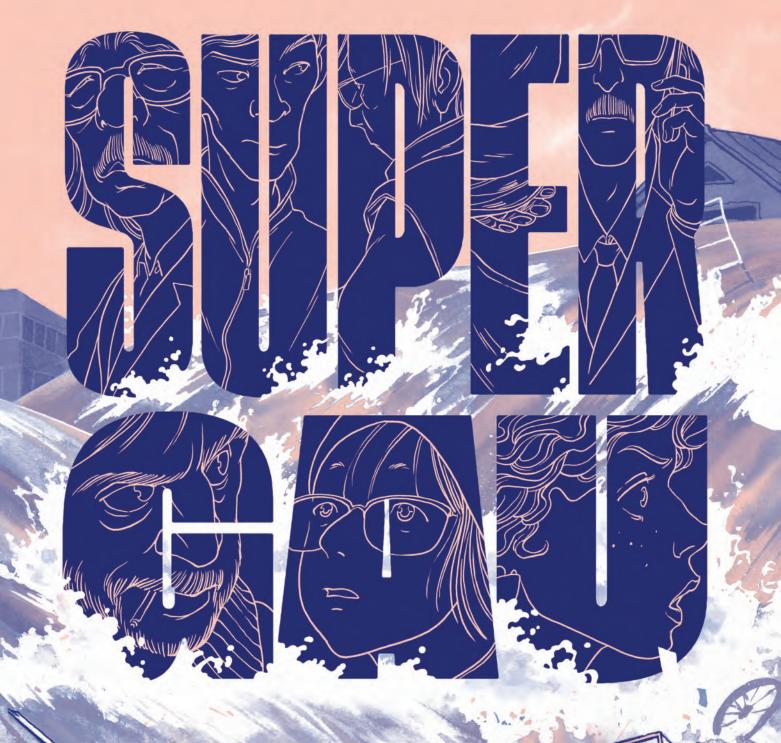
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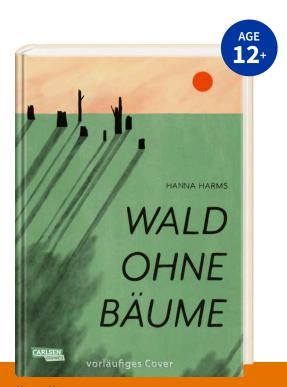
# COMIC BOOKS & GRAPHIC NOVELS

#### Facts about trees and forests

- Nature conservation and forests
- Everything about protecting forests from Europe to rain-forest regions

# A look into the ecological future

- A graphic novel for children and young adults
- Poetic and urgent non-fiction work



Hanna Harms Forest Without Trees 160 pages • 17,3 × 24,5 cm Age: 12+ ISBN 978-3-551-80448-8 03/2025



Hanna Harms Milk Without Honey 112 pages • 17,3 × 24,5 cm Age: 12+ ISBN 978-3-551-78108-6 Sold to: Arabic world rights, Italy, Russia, English worldwide 09/2022

With her prize-winning *Milk Without Honey*, Hanna Harms demonstrated that she is a master of combining poetry with science. Her delicate, comic-style illustrations compose bluntly honest pictures; **the factual background encourages readers not only to think, but also to change their way of thinking**.

*Forest Without Trees* concerns itself with the distinguishing characteristics of European forests, and what needs to be done to protect this eco-system that's so important for us all.

Climate change, concrete jungles, and pesticides are causing insects world-wide to die off.

The young German artist Hanna Harms portrays the multiple aspects of the situation. **A future without bees?** *Milk Without Honey* imagines this dystopia...

#### COMIC / GRAPHIC NOVEL

# The fates of eight people overshadowed by the Fukushima disaster

The Fukushima nuclear reactor catastrophe told from a personal point of viewExpressive, deeply touching drawings

The extraordinary artist Bea Davies illustrates the catastrophe of Fukushima by telling the stories of eight different people, weaving them together in an ingeniously original way. **Her work is a forceful presentation of how world events and individual fates intertwine and leave their mark on us**.

Bea Davies' graphic non-fiction children's book *HUMAN! Time-traveling Through Our Evolution*, which we published in Fall of 2023, has already been translated into ten languages.

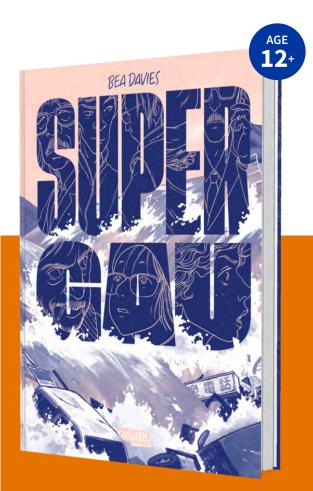


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**Bea Davies** has received much recognition and many awards and prizes for several of her comics. Born in Italy, she has lived in Berlin for more than 10 years now.



HUMAN! Time-Traveling Through Our Evolution 80 pages • 19,8 × 26,5 cm Age: 10+ ISBN 978-3-551-25495-5 Sold to: Slovakia, Mongolia, South Korea, Poland, Denmark, Russia, Italy, the Netherlands, Romania, Slovenia

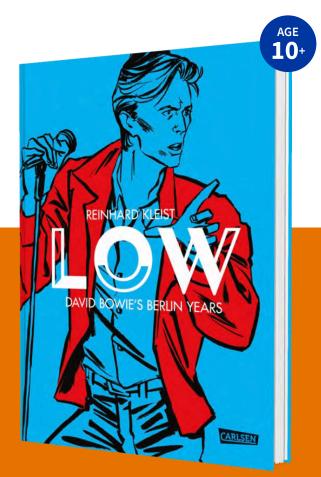


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## David Bowie in Berlin

15,000 copies of Starman sold

Starman & Low can also be published as two volumes in one



Reinhard Kleist Low 176 pages • 20,1 × 26,6 cm Age: 10+ ISBN 978-3-551-79363-8 12/2024 In no time at all, rights to *Starman* were sold into 10 languages, and German critics couldn't praise it enough: "Indeed, this text feels like a concert." (*WELT AM SONNTAG Kompakt*); "The story is superbly drawn, the colors pop. [...] Outstanding!" (*Hamburger Morgenpost*).

#### Now, the long-awaited sequel is being released.

*Low* highlights David Bowie's years in West Berlin, during his search for inspiration and the start of work on his album Low.



Since 1996 **Reinhard Kleist** has been living in Berlin where he shares his studio with other comic book artists. His comic books have won several awards, including the most prestigious one for German comic publications, the "Max und Moritz Award".

The first book on David Bowie:



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## Good stories are like treasure

A prize-winning work even before its publication

Gripping, touching, humorous biography

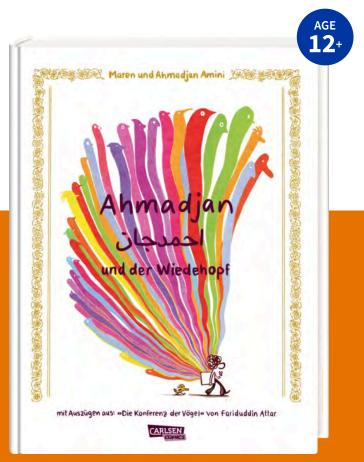
Afghanistan's politics from a personal aspect

In 1972, young Ahmadjan Amani travels from Afghanistan to Germany. He wants to be an artist, and almost ten years later he becomes the father of the author.

What follows is a colorful zig-zag path, a profoundly moving life between art and war, homeland and new beginnings, flight from strife and responsibility for family members left behind in Afghanistan. Through it all, he never stops searching for happiness. Based on the 800-year-old Persian saga The Conference of the Birds by Farududdin Attar, the author also portrays the confrontation with one's own identity.



**Maren Amini** is an internationally known illustrator, comics artist and cartoonist (e.g. for the *Washington Post*) and received an important prize for AHMADJAN even before its publication.



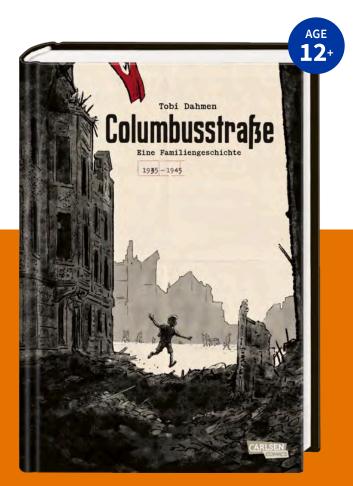
Maren Amini Ahmadjan and the Hoopoe 240 pages • 19,8 × 26,6 cm Age: 12+ ISBN 978-3-551-79971-5 10/2024

#### **COMIC / GRAPHIC NOVEL**

# Family history reflected in the mirror of Germany's national socialist times

Vivid history: minutely researched and thrillingly told

The long-awaited new epic graphic novel by a multi-prizewinning author



Tobi Dahmen Columbus Street 528 pages • 17,3 × 24,5 cm Age: 12+ ISBN 978-3-551-79663-9 Sold to: France 06/2024 After his father's death, **Tobi Dahmen discovered a collection of old family letters.** With the help of this lens on history, **he reconstructed a chronicle of Germany before and during the war as reflected in his own family's story.** Columbus Street stands for more then just one family who lived on this street in Düsseldorf and their experiences during the years 1935-45. This narrative (over 500 pages) is more like a sensitive confrontation with the politics of the years 1935-45 in national socialist Germany.



**Tobi Dahmen** (born 1971) studied Visual Communications in Düsseldorf. He now lives in Utrecht, and works as a comic artist and illustrator for magazines, marketing campaigns and web campaigns. He was awarded with the *ICOM Award* for the best shortcomic in 2007, and with the *Reddot Award* for a corporate design in 2011. His graphic novel *Getting Grand. Memories of a Smalltown Mod* was published in 2015, and stirred a lot of interest.



**Getting Grand** 480 pages • 17,3 × 24,5 cm ISBN 978-3-551-76308-2 **Sold to:** Serbia, the Netherlands

# The story of humankind in a comic-book style

Reviewed by experts and reflects the current state of science on the evolution of humans

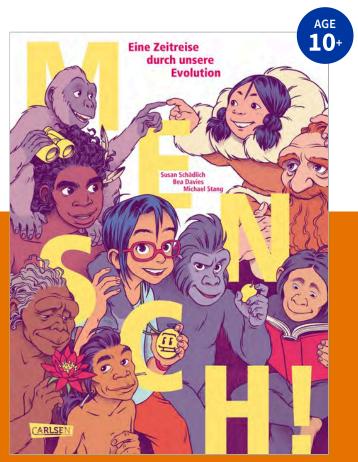
Exceptional illustrations by a prize-winning illustrator

This non-fiction book is simultaneously a graphic novel, making it especially good for young readers. By time-traveling through the history of mankind, **the world's most exciting story is told – the history of all of us.** 

**Susan Schädlich** studied animal health and writes ever since for kids about science.

**Michael Stang** is a science journalist and has been interested in human evolution ever since he was at university.

**Bea Davies** has received much recognition and many awards and prizes for several of her comics. Born in Italy, she has lived in Berlin for more than 10 years now.

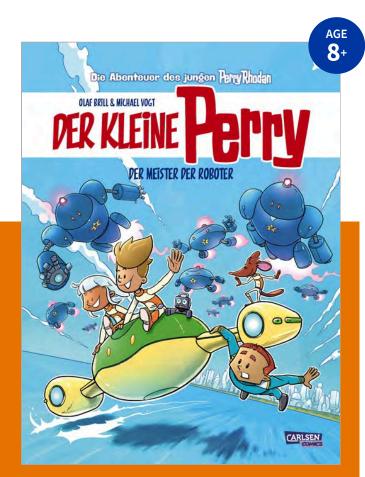


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Perry and Thora are spending a relaxing day at the rim of the black hole when they run into someone they hadn't figured on at all – and once again, they're caught up in a wild adventure! **While searching for an old hero, they land on a planet full of robots.** But who is the mysterious "Robot Master"?



**Michael Vogt** is an old hand in the comics business and has also illustrated stories for well-known publishers such as Panini.

**Olaf Brill** and **Michael Vogt** have over ten years' experience as a well-coordinated team. It shows in their stories – compulsively readable and always chock-full of new ideas.



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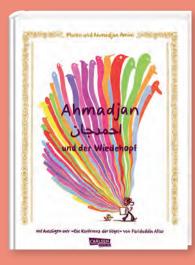


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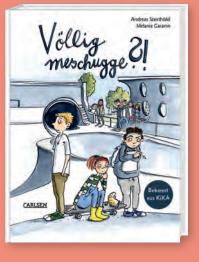








Leipzig Reading Compass 2023





Best Non-Fiction Comic Ginco Award

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The Best 7 Books For Young Readers





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**Inga Steinmetz** lives and works in Berlin. At the age of 15 she started writing stories and drawing comics, always striving to become a full-time artist one day. Inga is teaching Manga for the German Goethe Institute f.e. in Poland, Sweden, Netherlands, Indonesia and Malaysia. She spent two months in South Korea as part of a comic-sponsorship.



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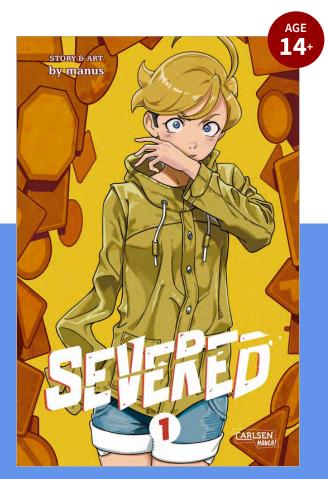
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**manus**, born in 1989, is a manga artist and illustrator from Zurich. After studying animation in Lucerne, he moved to Tokyo, where he scribbled the first drafts for a manga project in his exercise book in Japanese class.

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Mia is a successful influencer. But without the camera filter to smooth her scarred skin and make her eyes sparkle, her look would be less attractive. Adam is a model student - now more than ever, since his mother's no longer around; in hours-long study sessions, he tries to escape his pain and sorrow. When one day the two of them happen to meet, everything changes...



**Dominik Jell**, born in 1994, is a passionate tattoo artist; in 2020 he even opened his own studio with a focus on Japanese tattoo art. Along with that, he draws manga – lucky for us!



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